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By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. M. DYER,
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Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1917. 2091

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THE HOLIDAY RUSH.

Except wounded officers and men, and a stray sprinkling of them who are matching a short leave, there are few men at the seaside this summer, but great Jupiter: you should see the crowds of women on the South and West Coasts. Between Folkestone and Land's End it is almost impossible to get any accommodation to-day, and the trains are packed—a score in a carriage—regardless of the absence of "excursion" rates, and the addition of fifty per cent to the ordinary charges. The women have the money to-day, and though they waited two years for a holiday, or cut it shorter than usual, they mean to have their fun this time. Their spirit is something to remark. I know of an actress who was introduced to an officer bearing a famous name last Saturday night. On Tuesday morning she was married to him, and on Tuesday afternoon the young couple spent an interesting afternoon witnessing a performance of "Three Weeks."

This sort of thing may account for the story that is going the rounds to the effect that a highly fashionable dress establishment in Mayfair received a visit the other day from a lady from the country. She was shown one in the current mode—cut "very short" at both ends. "Oh that is far too scanty," she said. "If I wore that I should blush!" And think how becoming that would be!" remarked the saleswoman promptly.

VOTES FOR SOLDIERS IN THE TRENCHES.

If the intention of the Home Secretary, Sir George Cave, with the approval of the Government, is carried out men on service abroad, whether in the Army or Navy, will be enabled to vote by proxy in general elections at home. This amendment is about to be moved to the Parliamentary Reform Bill. The principle of Alternative Voting, whereby in a triangular contest two candidates may receive a positive majority by counting the indicated alternative choice of voters, and thus settling close contests, has already been adopted by the House on the narrow margin of one vote. After the War old party barriers will probably be hard to discover in a welter of conflicting groups; this may make a material difference to the composition of the House. The Conservatives voted solidly against it, considering that it would help the Labour and Liberal interests.

Simultaneously, boundary commissioners are framing a scheme for the redistribution of seats, so that the present anomalies of huge constituencies on the one hand and tiny ones on the other, having the same representation, may be done away with. The remarkable growth of London and some other cities since the divisions were last fixed will lead to the formation of many more urban divisions.

Unconnected with these measures, but another sign of the times, is the attack this week in the House of Lords on the sale of titles for heavy payments to the party funds. We all know this has been customary, yet we have been treated to ponderous evasions by party politicians this week, and the solemn farce has been played with great gravity. The mere fact of the discussion taking place at all in that Chamber, however, shows that we are moving on.

SHRAPNEL-PROOF ARMOUR.

In this war we must all have noticed a kind of reversion to the more primitive methods of fighting combined with the almost incredible increase in the destructive power of the weapons employed. An instance that must at once occur to the mind is the revival of bomb-throwing, which is obviously a development of the hand grenade, so familiar in the words of "The British Grenadiers." And as with attack, so with defence. The steel trench helmets worn by our own troops and those of our Allies engaged on the Western Front are clearly a repetition of the defensive head-dress of bygone days. An appearance recalling the pattern served out to Cromwell's soldiers, the latest model supplied to our men is, it is gratifying to be able to report, probably the best to be found. It is stated that the most recent improvement, the chain visor, has proved most satisfactory. The reference to this helmet naturally suggests the question of armour generally. Some months ago reference was made to the subject in these Notes, and within the last few days a very interesting lecture bearing upon it was delivered by Dr. Salter. The lecturer is well-known, at any rate by name, to a wide circle of readers, as he has written extensively on professional subjects in a popular and common sense manner. Experiments are still being made with the view of obtaining a really effective body armour. The chief difficulty lies in rendering steel sufficiently light if it is strong enough to be adequately protective. Dr. Salter in his lecture considered principally in his armour constructed for security against surprise, which of course is somewhat different in its essentials from protection against rifle and machine gun bullets. He explained that the most useful body armour is being

made of a material which not one person in a hundred would dream was of the least use for the purpose. It is asserted, to be comfortable, flexible and light, which are all very necessary qualities; and thus it may be assumed that some of the greatest difficulties have already been surmounted. At present it would not be advisable for us to give any further details, but no doubt later on we shall have occasion to refer again to the subject.—"United Service Gazette."

ENEMY DRESS.

STRANGE BOGRA INCIDENT.

Calcutta, 17th August: A singular incident occurred at a meeting of the North Bengal Literary Conference, held at Bogra on Saturday last under the presidency of Mr. C. H. Das, Magistrate of the District. Mr. French and several police officers attended the Conference. While the president was reading his address, the Maulvi, Ismail Hossain Siraj with followers, stepped on the dais in a shining dress, consisting of saffies, crescents and other mysterious embossed designs. This attracted the attention of the magistrate, and others, as it was enemy dress of a pure Turkoman. The magistrate asked the Maulvi about his choice of this questionable dress, and his sources from which he received it. The Maulvi was unable to give a satisfactory reply. The magistrate was unwilling to disturb a purely literary meeting, but directed the Maulvi and his followers to leave the district by the next available train.

Presiding at the annual meeting of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., at Cannon Street Hotel, Mr. E. W. Giffard (chairman) said he recently had a letter from an officer in Mesopotamia, in which he stated that it was the teetotaler who was the first to go under the drinker next, and the moderate drinker last of all.

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That the Military Hospitals Commission exists to carry out his restoration and training in Canada.

That the Board of Pension Commissioners exists to distribute the pensions provided by his country for him and his dependents.

That the Military Hospitals Commission and the Board of Pension Commissioners are in the position of trustees, appointed for his benefit, and representing the whole people of Canada.

That, therefore, he should write direct to the Commission or the Board if he needs advice or help.

Canadians are unanimously resolved that every returned soldier shall have a full opportunity to succeed. When that opportunity is put within his reach, his success will depend on his own good sense in seizing and using it.

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THE SILVER BOOM.

WORLD WIDE DEMAND AND MEXICO'S LAPSE.

The London "Daily Express" commenting on the rise in silver says—

The great boom has been caused by the laws of supply and demand. While the former has declined, the latter has increased enormously. As to supply, Mexico and the United States are the chief producers. The unsettled conditions in Mexico have restricted production, and though the United States output was twice that of Mexico in 1915, it was 2,000,000 ounces below the 1915 figure, and does not counter-balance the Mexican deficit.

More silver coins.

The greatly increased demand for silver may be classed under the following heads—

Withdrawal from circulation of gold by belligerent and neutral nations, and consequently augmented minting of silver coins.

Increased need for silver coins on account of the world's war in wages and prices.

Retention of silver by many Governments to increase the bullion reserve against the enormous issues of paper money.

America's need for silver to pay for her large purchases from the Far East, tebelyi hides and jute from India, and silk and other "luxuries" from Japan.

India's enormous demands.

The increase of the minting of silver in so many countries may be estimated from the fact that the British Government minted 105 million coins in 1915 against 32 million in 1913, and that the present rate of minting is still higher. The British Government bought silver to the value of £2,000,000 in 1916.

The American Government has recently become a very large buyer. The total exports from the United States to the Far East totalled 8,000,000 ounces in June, and the Government, it is said, will require a considerable amount of silver coin for export to France for the payment of American soldiers in that country.

HOARDED BRITISH.

India's demands, however, have been the chief factor in the phenomenal rise in the price of the white metal. The "ryot," or up-country cultivator, made metal currency or bars in payment of his crops, for he does not understand paper money. Owing to the absence of gold, his demands have fallen entirely on the silver rupee, which is hoarded and returns them gradually into circulation.

With the great increase in the value of his crops, it will be seen what a drain the Indian demand is on the world's silver production.

The Indian Government also requires rupees for the payment of its troops in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and elsewhere, and this silver is lost to India. The enormous appetite for the white metal is apparent from the fact that during the last financial year the Indian Government imported more than half the world's production.

Though it is estimated that the world's production this year will approach 200 million ounces, it is not expected to be sufficient to satisfy the world's demand.

THE POSITION OF SILVER.

It is no exaggeration to say that the whole world is on the eve of a very marked change in respect of finance, credit, currency, and many other matters, and bi-metalism will most assuredly be represented in the list of subjects clamouring for a hearing. In this connection the "Metal Bulletin" has received a letter from Mr. A. G. Kimpton, of London. He writes—

The present price of silver is the highest that has been reached since 1892, and there is much diversity of opinion as to the future course of the metal.

The causes responsible for the great rise in value are many, and some useful purpose might be served by enumerating a few of them. The gathering in of all the available supplies of gold, not only here, but also among the Allied countries.

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created a pronounced scarcity, as it was obvious that if gold was withdrawn from circulation, something else would have to replace it, and the creation of the Government notes for £1 and £10 at once caused a great demand for silver. This state of things not only in England, but also in Russia, France, and Italy, still continues, and it would seem likely to last for a long time. The enormous requirements of the Indian Government have been a strong factor in helping the price upward, and although probably some £20,000,000 has been taken for India alone during the last 18 months, even this huge amount has not been instrumental in creating a favourable situation for the Indian Currency, and this, of course, is a very serious matter. The reserve of rupees in February, 1916, with the Indian Government was 24 crores. Coined during year to end March, 1917, 34 crores. Estimated further coinage, 4 crores. Total, 84 crores. Latest figures as to reserve of rupees, 21 crores. Absorbed 40 crores. These figures are simply astounding, and the situation looks very grave. What will happen at the end of the next Indian Budget if only half as many withdrawals take place instead of 40 crores. Even France, which years ago held over £20,000,000 of silver coinage, is now reduced to £10

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To-day's Advertisements

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held in the Club House on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant at 7.30 p.m.

S. F. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1917.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 28th September, 1917, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August; of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, &c.

R. HENDERSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1917.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.
(British Section)

WINTER TIMING OF LOCAL TRAINS.

On and from SATURDAY, September 22nd and until further notice.

THE following Trains are cancelled:

DOWN TRAINS.

From SHUM CHUN 6.15 p.m. 8.00 p.m.
UP TRAINS.

From KOWLOON 5.18 p.m. (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only).

In place of the above the following Trains will run:

DOWN TRAINS.

From SHUM CHUN 5.37 p.m.
6.25 p.m. (except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays).

6.00 p.m. (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only).

UP TRAINS.

From KOWLOON 4.50 p.m. (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only).

By Order, H. P. WINSLOW,

Manager.

Kowloon, September 18, 1917.

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THE CALENDAR.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Sept. 22.—
9 p.m.—Police Reserve Band Night in the Public Gardens.

10.45 a.m.—Auction of White Goods, Dress Materials, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

11.30 a.m.—Auction of Brass Ware, Satsuma Vases, Tea Sets, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

MONDAY, Sept. 24.—
Entries close for V.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26.—
6.31 p.m.—H.K. St. Andrew's Society's Meeting.

8.15 p.m.—Open Air Concert at Helens May Institute.

THURSDAY, Sept. 27.—
Settlement Day: Hongkong Stock Exchange.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Goods at Kowloon Godowns.

THURS.—27, FRI. 28 & SAT. 29 Sept.—
V.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports.

SATURDAY, Sept. 29.—
Michaelmas Day.

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Drugs, Chemicals, Hospital Sundries, etc., etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

MONDAY, Oct. 1.—
October Criminal Sessions commence.

4.30 a.m.—Full Moon.

TUESDAY, Oct. 2.—
General Holidays.

TUESDAY, Oct. 3.—
4.45 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

This morning the Exchange Demand Rate reached 3/3.

The Japanese are to take over the Austrian glaci at Peking.

The Federated Malay States has had a "Sailor's Day." It brought in a total of £11,000.

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club is advertised to take place on the 26th inst. The Club will be "At Home" on Saturday 22nd instant from 4 to 6.30 p.m., when there will be music, tennis, and tea. Prizes won in the recent Tennis Tournament will be presented by Mrs. F. R. Wolff.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has refused permission for the extension of the railless tram lines by the Shanghai Tramway Company. In a letter sent to Mr. D. McColl, manager of the company, the council says that, "owing to the narrowness of the traffic conditions in most of the roads affected by the proposal of the railless electric traction service in the manner suggested is not in the best interest of the public."

With regard to the Annual Aquatic Sports to be held under the auspices of the V.R.C. at the end of next week, we have been asked to mention that the Championship Events (half-mile, 220 yards and 100 yards) are open to the Colony, as are also the Team Race, Running Hearer, Hurdle Race, Long Plunge, Water Polo, Ladies Nomination, and High Dive. There will also be a two lengths handicap for "Visitors" non-members of the Club. Entries accompanied by entrance fees, should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, V.R.C., as soon as possible. It is hoped by the Committee that sufficient entries will be forthcoming from the ladies to hold the Ladies Race, two lengths handicap open to the Colony. Arrangements will be made to enable ladies to swim in the V.R.C. bath, when their times will be taken by the handicappers.

The great war and the loss of her colonies, has apparently only confirmed Germany in her view that these are, in essence, military weapons. The contemplated German Africa, which seems at the moment a strangely abstract conception, is to be a buttress of the military and diplomatic policy of the Empire, not only in that continent but in Asia Minor and Southern Europe; this on the authority of the well known publicist Herr EMIL ZIMMERMANN (Deutsche Politik, August 1916). To create this territory Angola, French Equatorial Africa and the Congo Free State will be absorbed, and a permanent menace will be created to British shipping in the event of that further war of which German publicists so easily and comfortably discourse. This kind of thing is the commonplace of Pan-Germanism, but the outbreak of the present war showed that the Pan-Germanists were to be taken seriously; that they were the clamorous advance guard of a Government whose ambitions are as wide as, and methods more unscrupulous than, those of the hooligans of whom it makes use. The Pan-Germanists have dreamed dreams of extension and aggression in Europe, Asia and Africa, while the weapons for their realization have been forged in the Wilhelmstrasse—and this is as true of Africa as it is of the Near East.

Nothing could illustrate more clearly than her colonial policy the hopelessly reactionary character of the German Government. The respectable view that the acquisition of Colonies was necessary to encourage emigration and to support a surplus population was so glaringly opposed to the facts of the case that it has been abandoned. Instead we have the cynical admission that military advantage alone causes and determines the need for German colonies.

The map of the world was to bejeest, races were to be bartered without regard to their wishes, in order to secure a chain of strong strategic points for the security of Germany's world dominion. Such a conception belongs to the dusty storehouse of an Autocracy for which the civilised world has ceased to have any use. It condemns present-day Germany as totally unfit for Colonial dominion, which to her means only extended Prussianism, and the establishment of a menace to all nations. The tenacity with which she clings to this conception illustrates as clearly as anything could do the irreconcilable antagonism between her political doctrine and the democratic faith which is held by the peoples who are allied against her.

Madame Feng, wife of the President, who died last week, was a daughter of a merchant at I-king, Kiangsu, and was educated in Japan. For a considerable period she was private tutor to the daughters of the late Yuan Shih-kai. In the autumn of 1914, through the introduction of the dictator, she became the wife of General Feng Kuo Cheng, now President of the Republic. The marriage attracted nation-wide interest, as it was believed by many that it was a political move on the part of Yuan to win General Feng to his side. Madame Feng participated in political activities and it is said was a woman of determination and power, assisting her husband in solving difficult problems.

Madame Feng died after an illness of two weeks. She was attended by an old fashioned Chinese doctor and also by a foreign one.

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Inspector Brazil told His Worship that the woman's husband had disappeared. He left the Tramway Co. as soon as he heard of his wife's arrest.

After hearing further evidence, His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' gaol.

RHEUMATISM.

HAVE you ever tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism? If not, you are wasting time, as the longer it is to cure. Get a bottle today, apply it with a vigorous massage to the affected parts and you will be surprised and delighted at the relief obtained. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE MAGISTRACY.

THE POLICE RESERVIST "CASE"

Before Mr. Wood, this afternoon, the case was resumed, in which L. A. P. Leite, a member of the Police Reserves, and an assistant in Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., Imports Department, is charged with unlawfully refusing to perform patrol duty on Sept. 7 and also with refusing to perform extra punishment duty.

Mr. Eldon Potter, as Discipline Officer of the Police Reserves, prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended the accused.

Prior to Mr. Potter addressing the Court, His Worship said that he did not hear anything further as to whether the accused was still a member of the Police Reserves. He was satisfied that the accused was still a member.

Mr. Potter then said that he would like to explain why the case was allowed to come before a Public Court, in view of the fact that the Captain Superintendent of Police was entitled to deal with the matter under the new regulations. One reason was that the alleged offence occurred before the new regulations were brought into force, and another reason was that since the accused had consulted Counsel, they were desirous of giving the accused an opportunity of raising any defence he thought fit.

Mr. Potter said that it had been established that the accused is a Portuguese subject, and he had not challenged that statement because the simple fact of the accused being a Portuguese subject was not a defence in the case.

His Worship agreed.

Mr. Potter then proceeded to deal with the four points of the defence and quoted the various sections of the Peace Preservation Ordinance and the Police Reserve Ordinance of 1914 to show that Mr. Lo's contention that the accused was bound by the former ordinance only was erroneous. The Police Reserve Ordinance, as intended to and did embody the Peace Preservation Ordinance and the accused is a Special Constable under that ordinance was subject to the conditions of the Police Reserve Ordinance.

There has been much contradictory information published in the Chinese Press regarding the composition of the syndicate which has chartered the enemy ships in Chinese waters. The latest statement is that the syndicate is purely Chinese. Mr. Chang Chien, a former Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, being one of the largest shareholders. But, according to the *Peking Gazette*, the Company has found it necessary to secure Japanese assistance in order to organise the service on an approved modern basis. For this reason an agreement has been signed between the Government and the syndicate which has chartered the enemy ships in Chinese waters. The latest statement is that the syndicate is purely Chinese. Mr. Chang Chien, a former Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, being one of the largest shareholders. But, according to the *Peking Gazette*, the Company has found it necessary to secure Japanese assistance in order to organise the service on an approved modern basis. For this reason an agreement has been signed between the Government and the syndicate which has chartered the enemy ships in Chinese waters.

Mr. Lo said that the accused was charged under Section 5 of the Peace Preservation Ordinance. If that Ordinance did not hold good, then the accused could not be charged under that Ordinance with a penal offence.

After a short consultation with Mr. Jenkins D.S.P.R., His Worship decided that the defendant was still a member of the Hongkong Police Reserve until released. He advised defendant to do his patrol duties etc., as usual and start anew with a clean record. His Worship deferred his judgment on the case.

COUNTERFEIT 10 CENT PIECES.

A TRAMWAY TICKET COLLECTOR DISAPPEARS.

A Chinese married woman was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with unlawfully having in her possession 300 ten-cent pieces knowing the same to be false and counterfeit.

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PERILS OF PEACE-MAKING.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning two Chinese were summoned by another for assault.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared for the defendant.

It appeared from the story related in Court that one of the defendant, left the other \$15 some time ago, and yesterday he asked for the return of the money. There was some trouble over this, and the complainant interfered, trying to make peace, with the result that he also became involved in the quarrel.

His Worship remanded the case.

"EARLY BIRDS."

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball with the larceny of 8 pieces of clothing valued at \$10 from house No. 185, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. The two defendants were arrested while coming off the Yau Ma Tei launch at 5 o'clock this morning with the parcel of clothing.

The first defendant pleaded guilty and the second defendant pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Brazil asked His Worship for a remand in custody as the Yau Ma Tei Police are making enquiries regarding the defendants. There would probably be other charges preferred against them. His Worship agreed and remanded the case to Saturday next.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED THEFT AT HOLT'S GODOWNS.

A Chinese coolie was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with attempted larceny of a case of brandy from a godown at Holt's Wharf at Kowloon.

Evidence was given by the tallyman who stated that he saw the defendant trying to open a case of brandy.

Defendant said that the tallyman was lying. The latter had assaulted him.

His Worship did not find the evidence convincing enough and dismissed the case.

THEFT OF PAILS AND A DUSTBIN.

For stealing seven zinc pails and one tin dustbin from a shop keeper in Wanchai Road, Mr. Wood sentenced an unemployed Chinese to three months' hard labour and four hours' stock.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

On Sunday the 30th September, in the compound of the R.C. Cathedral, Glenealy, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their annual *Kermesse* from 9 to 11.30 a.m. under the patronage of H. E. Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., but friends and sympathisers are also invited to be present in the afternoon, from 2 to 7 o'clock, to inspect the numerous articles which will be offered for sale in the evening at the various stalls.

This charitable association is as already known, doing a lot of good to the poor here, in a quiet and unostentatious way, and it certainly deserves the patronage of the charitable disposed public in supporting the forthcoming *Kermesse*. The proceeds will be solely devoted to the maintenance of the poor under the Society's charge.

An abstract of the accounts from 1st October 1916 to 31st July 1917 shows that including a balance of \$1,066.59 brought forward from the previous year the total revenue was \$5,006.10. This included \$2,533.78 from the last *Al fresco* Fete; a Colonial Government grant of \$100; \$500 from the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.; and \$225 a/c donations from the Cement Co's staff, per Mr. P. F. G. Prata, to supply the needs of the children and mother of a deceased member of the Portuguese community. The revenue also includes a number of donations, one being from H. E. the Governor.

The disbursements show \$1,298.30 in weekly and monthly allowances to 74 families; Christmas allowances to the poor, \$78; extra allowances for medicine, \$20. The balance in hand amounted to \$3,009.80.

THE STRAITS DOLLAR.

At a recent meeting of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements a Bill to amend the Currency Notes Ordinance was under consideration. The Bill provides that the Governor may by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* defer for a period to be stated in such Proclamation, payment by the Commissioners in current coin of the amount expressed in any currency note issued by them, which may be presented for payment by the holder thereof.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.
RAIDING ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in France states that raiding continues to be favoured on the Western Front. The Germans are showing similar activity on a lesser scale, but their methods are very different. Ours depend largely upon the initiative of the individual. The Germans cling to the formula that every soldier is part of a great mechanical structure. This doctrine does not work to the best advantage, and ending leads to plentiful recrimination among different classes of prisoners, who accuse one another of " torturing them down."

Last night, the British severely punished the Germans, besides destroying the defensive works on three different parts of their line. The British advanced in the wake of a smart burst of gunfire and got in among the enemy with bombs, bayonets and other weapons, suggested by individual fancy. These operations are continuing "nightly," and keep the enemy at the utmost tension.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

"There were only patrolling encounters on the Ypres sector."

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"The north cavalry troops raided at Inverness Copse and took thirteen prisoners."

"We improved our positions slightly, to the east of St. Julian, and drove off raiders to the south of Morcourt."

"There has been great reciprocal artillery activity on the Ypres sector."

Three German aeroplanes were driven down on Monday. The combats were few and only a small number of Germans were in the air. Three of our machines are missing.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

A French communiqué states:

To the south of Lamotte, after a violent bombardment, hostile detachments approached our lines near the Nucleated Road. A sharp fight ensued in our advanced trenches, from which the enemy were completely repulsed, with appreciable loss. We took some prisoners."

LATER.

A French communiqué states:

"There were fairly lively artillery actions in the region of Champagne and the heights on the Auberive sector."

The artillery duel was somewhat violent on the right bank of the Meuse, to the north of Hill 344."

ROBBERY OF BRITISH AEROPLANE PLANS.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

A sensational robbery of aeroplane plans from a London builder has resulted in the arrest of a Greek, after the discovery of the missing documents in the cloak room of a Tube station.

LATER.

A Greek named Cekinaki has been committed for trial at Bow Street on a charge of stealing aeroplane plans.

GERMANY EXPRESSES HER "DEEP REGRET."

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 18.

It is officially announced that Germany has expressed her deep regret for the "unprovoked" cause by Sweden in the Luxburg affair.

ANOTHER ESPIONAGE PLOT IN DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 18.

The authorities have discovered another espionage plot.

Four Germans have been arrested.

DUTCH FISHING BOATS ACCEPT BRITISH OFFER.

YMCIDEN, Sept. 18.

The fishing boat owners have now accepted the British offer to indemnify them if they lay up 35 per cent. of their boats for two months during which not more than 2,000 tons of fish shall be exported to Germany.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

GENERAL STAFF REORGANISED.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.

It is authoritatively stated that the General Staff has been completely re-organised, and General Alexeiev will immediately assume his duties as Commander-in-Chief.

The Government considers the proclamation of a Republic in Russia, is formal, and does not intend, before the meeting of the Constituent Assembly, to establish a republican administration.

INQUIRIES INTO THE CONDUCT OF GENERALS.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.

The Commission of Enquiry, sitting at Pskoff, has exonerated General Klembovsky from active participation in the Kerenski movement.

General Kaledine, on September 17, notified his willingness to explain his actions to the proper quarter, whereupon the Government transferred the inquiry to General Headquarters, where General Kaledine will give evidence before a military commission.

KERENSKY AND OTHER MINISTERS GO TO HEADQUARTERS.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.

M. Kerensky and the Minister of War and Marine have gone to Headquarters.

EXCESSES AT VIBORG.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

It transpires that there have been other excesses at Viborg besides the killing by the soldiers of the Commandant and six other officers.

The soldiers beat and then threw

into the river most of the Staff of the Corps. It is semi-officially stated that 22 officers were killed and 60 are missing.

The Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates is appealing to the troops and the people to refrain from Lynch law.

RUSSIAN AND RUMANIAN SUCCESSES.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

A Russian official message states: "We occupied a wood to the north east of Friedrichstadt."

The Rumanians captured a sector of fortified positions in the region of Varnitsa.

LATER.

A Russian communiqué states:

"Several Rumanian attacks near Varnitsa and Munclod failed heavily."

GERMANY AND POLAND.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

An Austro-German decree announces the forthcoming inauguration of a Regency Council of Poland, but the real power will remain in the hands of the Governor-General appointed by the Austro-Germans.

BRITISH WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

The Ministry of Labour is making a strong appeal for recruits for a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps for service at home and overseas. It should be noted that every new recruit releases a soldier for other duties, thereby directly increasing the strength of the effective.

THE KING AT GLASGOW.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

The King at Glasgow made an extensive tour of the ship yards and engineering works.

His Majesty presented three Victoria Crosses and other medals before large and most enthusiastic crowds.

Conversing with an iron turner, His Majesty expressed pleasure that fewer ships were being submarine and said: "We look to you to give up ships." The iron turner replied: "We are doing our best."

Eighty thousand people were present at the investiture at Ibrox Park where Victoria Crosses and other war decorations and Orders of the British Empire were conferred. One hundred and forty-three persons were recipients of the Empire decoration, and included Lord Strathclyde, the Grand Cross of the Order, and Lizzie Robinson, a munition worker, a medal for heroism whilst engaged in her work.

THE NOBLE AIDS OF FRANCE.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

PARIS, Sept. 18.

In the Chamber, M. Painlevé, the new Premier, announced the Government's policy. He declared that the Government will give all its attention to assembling all the forces of the nation for the supreme phase of the war, and emphasised that the nearer the end of the war came the more essential to victory would be the moral resistance of the nation against which the enemy was unable to conquer on the battlefield and, was about to redouble his efforts.

The Government must redouble its vigilance against these insidious plans.

ISSUE OF FIVE SHILLING NOTES FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

The issue of 5/- notes is, however, shadowed, owing to the shortage of silver.

RESTRICTIONS ON AUSTRALIAN RACE MEETINGS.

LONDON, Sept. 18.

Australian restrictions on all sport are now announced. There will be a reduction of Metropolitan horse-race meetings in New South Wales from 134 to 97, substantial reductions in Queensland and smaller reductions in Victoria and Western Australia.

THE PRICE OF MEAT IN GREAT BRITAIN.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

THE VALUE OF SILVER.

GERMAN METHODS IN CHINA.

London, Sept. 18.

Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, receiving a deputation of butchers, said that maximum prices would be strictly enforced and that high prices were largely due to competition amongst the butchers themselves.

LAVENDER AND BATH AMMONIA.

EXPRESSLY PREPARED FOR TOILET USE.

CLEANING ANTISEPTIC.

London, Sept. 18.

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There and in Hongkong. As every facility for attaining their object was given to them by shipping firms in this country and by London financiers, they were fairly successful. The spirit in which they accepted the hospitality shown to them is expressed by one of their writers in these terms:—"The German merchant is generally considered to be a mercantile and industrious people. They also can make a pretty shrewd guess as to the kind of compensation which Germany would demand from China for 'daring to look askance at a German,' for having the audacity to challenge the right of Germany to sink neutral shipping on the high seas at sight, for suspending diplomatic relations, and for seizing German ships."

"Perhaps in these days in all countries finance comes next in importance to the preservation of law and order. Since the negotiations for a currency loan broke down some years ago, there have been no signs of any attempt to deal with the reform of the currency, which remains in the same chaotic state in which it has been for many years—perhaps one reason why no serious effort in this direction has ever succeeded is that the existing confusion suits many influential people. But while we are accustomed to criticise Chinese currency, there is this to be said for China, that the basis of her standard, the tael or sycee, has never been tampered with, and that she has always been a certain weight of silver of recognised purity and notwithstanding all the theories of the West, China has never lost faith in silver as a standard. She has remained one of the few silver standard countries throughout the long years of depression caused by the demonetisation of silver in the West. Following the lead of Germany in 1871, the Western Powers demonetised silver. India closed her mint in 1893, although it had always been the principal mint in the world for silver, and later imposed an import duty on silver, in order to keep up the rate of exchange. This last year the Indian Government has issued 2 rupee notes in Ceylon very nearly the equivalent of 1/- notes in this country, and has prohibited the private importation of silver, apparently with the object of preventing a further advance in its value. The Hongkong Government has stopped the exportation of dollars from the Colony, in order to keep down exchange."

"Throughout all this time China has maintained a free and open market for silver as we have for gold, but although silver is as indispensable to the British Empire as it is to China our Government have been constantly manipulating the silver market. The war has once more shown the value and importance of silver; the British Empire probably contains more silver above the ground than all the rest of the world put together."

"They sold the goods in China on long and dangerous credit, and if they received partial payments in China, before they had to send home the money to meet the London bills, they used these partial payments as capital in their business."

"According to the book I have referred to, some of this business was done at a loss, and in many cases the results of the German trading were so miserable as to be almost incredible. The aggregate amounts outstanding at Hongkong and the Treaty Ports are understood to have been exceedingly large, much larger than would be considered prudent by British firms of similar standing. This is a revelation of the way in which one branch of German trade was carried on in other directions. German contracts have come to light which would have resulted in disastrous losses if they had been entered into by British firms; but it is impossible to bring the same pressure to bear on the Chinese as they would easily have brought on British firms through our Consuls."

"Now the Germans in China are shrewd and keen men of business. It is incredible that they ran these great risks for

a inadequate return without an object. They certainly did not carry on their own trade with China in this way. There is every reason to believe that their business in aniline dyes and other branches of German trade was nothing but unremunerative, and so it is inferred that the effort to dominate British trade had a national purpose to serve. Probably it was their aim to increase German power and influence in China. Perhaps what was known as the German 'Circle' system enabled them to get all the credit they wanted in London. Mr. C. Sanderson, of the South African Federated Chamber of Industries, last week explained this system as follows: 'The centre of the 'Circle' was always, one of the large German banks, who by a method of guarantees enabled the members of the 'Circle' to obtain practically unlimited credit for their operations. There have been many indications that Germany had very ambitious designs in the Far East. What one called the Langfang agreement was one of these indications. It is quite certain that with her *point d'appui* at Kiaochow Germany did not intend that Kiaochow was to be her Eastern terminus. Well, we think it would only be prudent for us to take a lesson from Germany and introduce more of the national element into our own trade with the Far East.'

COST OF SECRET SERVICE.

A Civil Service Supplementary Estimate for £1,334,807 has been issued for the Secret Service. The original estimate having been £2,000,000, £669,192 for public education in Scotland, and £234,000 for public education in Ireland.

A sum of £21,000 is put down for the National War Museum, of which £16,000 is a grant in aid for the purchase of exhibits, books, pictures, models, &c.

The amount incurred for the repair of the staff of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy

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Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

TUESDAY, 20th instant—

5.30 p.m. Left Half Company (Gun numbers other than "specialists") at Belcher's Battery.

FRIDAY, 21st instant—

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company (Gun numbers, as detailed at Belchers).

5.30 p.m. Right Half Company (Layers and Sotiers' class, only) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Left Half Company (Layers and Sotiers only) at Belchers Battery.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

14th to 27th Sept. Nightly E. L. Manning as laid down in Rosters at Lyceum and Belchers.

INSTRUCTION AT BELCHERS 8.30 P.M. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for members preparing for the proficient, skilled and superior ratings, under Sgt-Major Bryant, R.E., Staff Sgt-Major Parsons, R.E., Corporal Day and 2nd Corporal Norris, Hongkong Defence Corps.

Detail of duty at Lyceum from 16th to 20th Sept., 1917, is posted at Headquarters.

Detail of Edifices Reliefs for Sept., 1917, is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

THURSDAY, 20th instant—

5.00 p.m. Machine-Gun Company (all members) at Kennedy Road Range. T.E.T. (Grenades). Dress & Drill Order without rifles.

5.30 p.m. Mounted Section on Cricket Ground (drummers). Tests of Elementary Training. Dress & Drill Order with pouches.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "B" and "C" (classes except former members of H.K.V.R.) at Headquarters. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

FRIDAY, 21st instant—

5.10 p.m. All members (including exempted men) of old H.K.V.R., A, B, and D Companies, Signallers, Machine Gunners, Mounted Section and Recruits will parade, under Major G. H. Wakeman, outside the Law Courts and proceed by Train to the Polo Ground, Kowloon and Tseki Section, will parade at the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order. Officers will wear swords.

5.30 p.m. Recruit of all units (except former members of H.K.V.R.) on Murray Parade Ground, under C.S.M. Witchell, Corporal Grimes, Edgecombe and Moore. Dress: Drill Order.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" Class (except former members of H.K.V.R.) at Happy Valley. Station work. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

DETACHMENTS.

On duty 13th and 20th Sept.: "A" Coy. Now 1 and 2 Platoons (formerly Scouts Coy.).

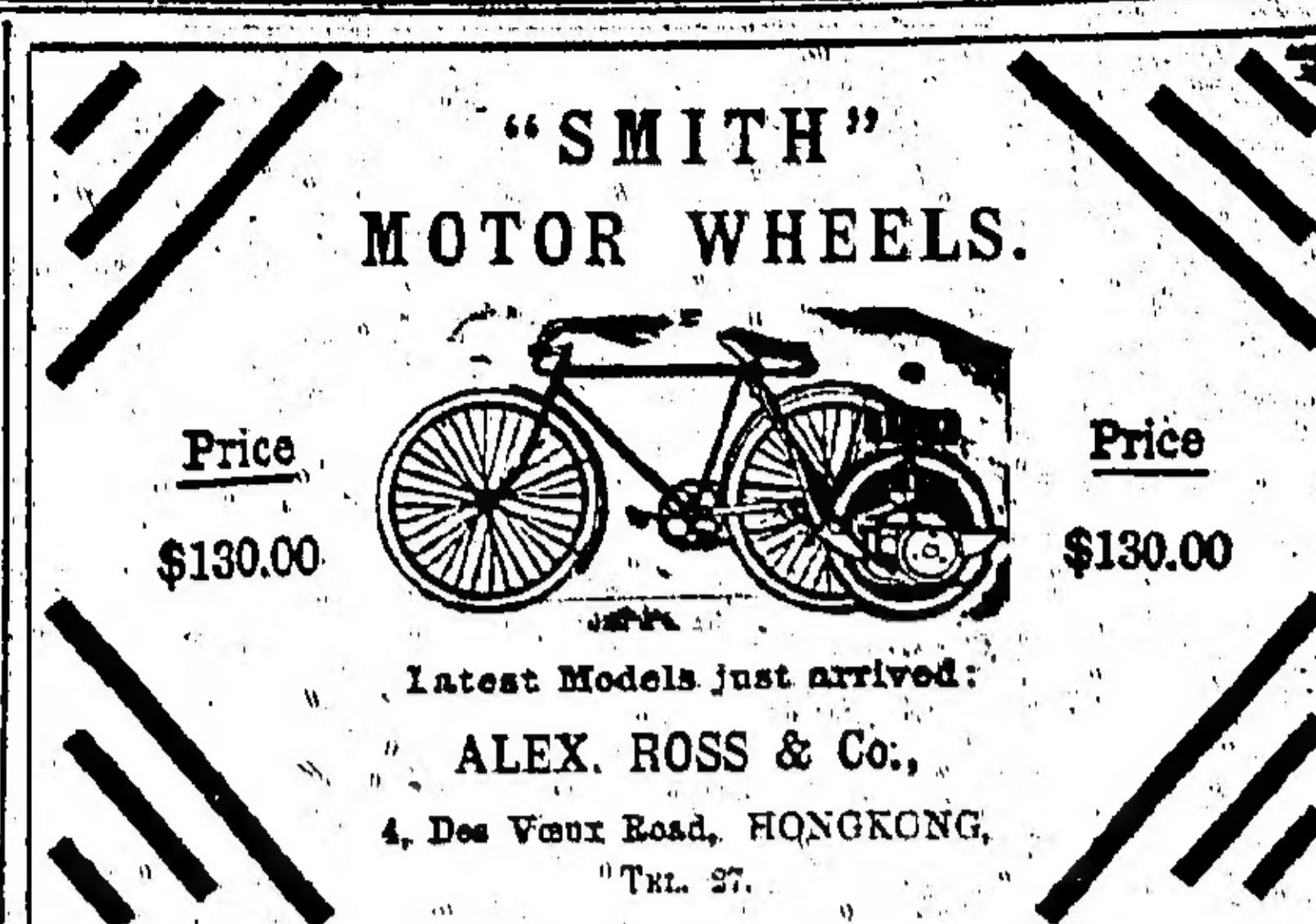
On duty 21st Sept.: "A" Coy. No. 3 Platoon (formerly Eight Sec. M.G. Co.).

On duty 22nd Sept.: "A" Coy. No. 4 Platoon (formerly Left Sec. M.G. Co. and Civil Service Coy.).

Orderly Officer from 16th to 22nd Sept.: Lieut. H. W. B. Bennett.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, 23rd Sept., to the morning of Sunday, 20th Sept., members of the Corps formerly in "A" Company, H.K.V.R.

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The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1878-88.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 2 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

PHONENAE CONCERTS.

Chief Staff Company and Platoon Inspectors are asked to place themselves at the disposal of Staff Inspector Arduini, head of the Committee, on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 22nd. They should attend in uniform at the Public Gardens, 8.30 p.m.

By Order,

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